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Attention:
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Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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ENERGY FACILITY SITE
EVALUATION COUNCIL

Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

This plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and 2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions.

We do not want to add ANY MORE pollution into the air in the Fraser Valley period!! To say that this plant will have minimal effects on the environment is just not acceptable. We already have too many days when if you look up into the sky you will only see a yellow mist, completely obliterating the view of the surrounding mountains.

I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminants that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

As a local farmer, and coming from a large family of farmers, this plant is of great concern to me personally, and the effects that it will have on our operations. Taking any water out of the aquifer is unacceptable.

I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant. Just say NO!

Sincerely,



Tara Reeves
Abbotsford Resident